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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR SHARPE JAMES ON BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History month is a time for all Americans to celebrate and reflect on the great role that Blacks have played in the history of our country. It is also a time for African-Americans to recall the rich heritage and culture of the African continent from which their ancestors came. And, it is a time for all people regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background to salute the great contributions made by Black people throughout the world; contributions in science, space, art, education, music, research, architecture, medicine, literature, film, radio and television, and in every area imaginable.

We are proud of the contributions made by African-Americans in the history of Newark, the third oldest, major city in the country, and we value their continued commitment and participation in the ongoing renaissance of our city.

In recent years, Newark has sponsored major exhibits during Black History month, in addition to the series, Sing In Praise of King, a musical tribute to the late Rev., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which we sponsor in local churches during the month of January.

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I urge Newarkers and New Jerseyans to take time during this special month to learn more about your heritage and that of your African-American neighbors and avail yourselves of the many noteworthy and interesting programs that are being sponsored both in Newark and throughout the state during this month-long salute to black history.